

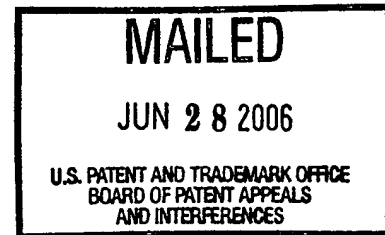
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte DAVID RALPH,
GANG AN,
S. MARK O'HARA, and
ROBERT VELTRI

Appeal No. 2006-1623
Application 09/660,568



ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and
GREEN, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

On May 22, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a

request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner.”

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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